



Community Services: Education

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To: Heads of all Educational Establishments

Dear Colleague

Keeping of animals/living organisms in schools

While the keeping of animals in schools is not to be discouraged, it is essential that where a school wishes to keep animals that the health and safety of the staff and pupils is taken into account along with the well-being of the animals.

Schools must find out as much information as they can on animals and their care before deciding to keep them in the school. In particular, provision for looking after animals during holiday periods must be made.

Information on keeping living organisms is available on the RSPCA website, at http://education.rspca.org.uk/education/teachers/schoolcouncils/details/-/articleName/TEACH_SchoolCouncilsPetsInSchool

Yours sincerely

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